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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP (WHO) MEETING DECEMBER 20, 1973

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1. MEETING, ATTENDED BY ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS, DEVOTED TO REVIEW OF WHO BUDGET FOR 1975 WITH WHO/ADG FURTH, AND TO CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR 11TH CONSULTATION ON SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

2. IN FORTY-FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATION FURTH DISCUSSED 1975 BUDGET AND DIFFICULTIES IN ITS PREPARATION STATING IT REPRESENTED THREEFOLD EFFORT TO (A) PRESENT PROGRAM AND COSTS ON PROGRAM BUDGET BASIS, (B) ACHIEVE BUDGET STABILIZATION, AND (C) PROGRESS TOWARD PROGRAM REORIENTATION. FURTH REFERRED TO 1975 PRESENTATION AS A TRANSITION BUDGET AND ANTICIPATED PROGRAM BUDGET CONCEPT WILL IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALLY IN FUTURE YEARS AS STAFF BECOMES ACCUSTOMED AND EXPERIENCED IN THIS MODE OF PLANNING BUDGETING. RE BUDGET STABILIZATION HE COMPARED PERCENTAGE INCREASE (6.06 PERCENT) WITH INFLATION RATE IN GENEVA (10.8 PERCENT FOR 1973) AND STATED THAT VIEWED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS LIGHT DESPITE DATA CONTAINED PAGE 45 (DOC 212) BUDGET

ACTUALLY REPRESENTED NET REDUCTION IN PROGRAM. IN FACT DG EXPEDITED CRITICISM FROM LDC'S ON THIS SCORE. PROGRAM REORIENTATION REPRESENTED BY REDUCTION OF PROGRAM IN SOME AREAS TO BALANCE INCREASES IN OTHERS; E.G. A REDUCTION OF FUNDS DEVOTED TO RESEARCH (PAGE 45) AND INCREASE IN FUNDS DEVOTED TO COORDINATION OF RESEARCH (PAGE 90). FURTH ALSO CITED INCREASED EMPHASIS ON MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (PAGE 12 OF INTRODUCTION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS PAGE 75).

3. USDEL ASKED ALL QUESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH RESPONSES AS FOLLOWS:

A. RE INFORMATION SYSTEMS FURTH PROMISED MORE DATA AND MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW (COMMENT: AS STARTING POINT SEE PAPER ON INFORMATION SYSTEM GIVEN BOB ALLEN (U/COR) BY FURTH DURING ALLEN VISIT TO GENEVA OCTOBER 72).

B. APPROPRIATION CATEGORY 940 RELATES TO UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR CHINA, (PAGE 669) AND NORTH KOREA (PAGE 513).

C. INCREASE OF THREE POSTS IN PAGE 46 DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF REDUCTION OF 5 IN FIELD PROJECT PERSONNEL.

D. FURTH WILL VERIFY DATA CONTAINED PARA 4 DOC EB 53/23 BUT HAD IMPRESSION FIGURE 1348 INCLUDES INTERREGIONAL STAFF ASSIGNED HEADQUARTERS PLUS OTHER AGENCY LIAISON PERSONNEL.

E. MISSION ALSO QUERIED AMOUNT INDICATED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY COSTS OWING TO GA DECISION RE FIVE CLASSES OF POST ADJUSTMENTS (DOC EB 53/35) NOTING THAT ILO HAD INDICATED NEED OF ONLY \$700,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE FOR 74/75 BIENNIAL WHILE WHO REQUIREMENTS LISTED AS \$2.4 MILLION FOR 74 ALONE. FURTH AGREED TO EXAMINE MATTER AND INFORM MISSION OFFICER.

4. THERE WERE FEW COMMENTS OR QUERIES FROM OTHER GROUP MEMBERS, MOST OF WHOM HAD RECEIVED THEIR COPY OF 75 BUDGET ONLY IN LAST FEW DAYS. CANADA QUERIED WHETHER INTERNAL AUDIT STAFF WOULD BE DOING MANAGEMENT TYPE AUDIT. FURTH SAID NO THAT INTERNAL AUDIT STAFF NOT COMPETENT FOR THAT AND THAT NARRATIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTAINED PAGE 332 OF BUDGET ON THIS SUBJECT DID NOT REFLECT TRUE PICTURE.

5. GERMANY ASKED TYPE OF COST INCREASES. ANSWER HIGHER PRICES, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES ETC. SWEDEN CALLED ATTENTION TO LAST PARAGRAPH OF INTRODUCTION AND ASKED WHAT WERE POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF EXTRA BUDGETARY FUNDS. FURTH NOTED UNEP, UNFPA AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS AS WELL AS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC

DONORS AND FOUNDATIONS.

6. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH FURTH, GROUP CONSIDERED BRIEFLY
XI CONSULTATION BACKGROUNDEERS ON UNCTAD, ILO, AND GENEVA
GROUP GNEERAL PLUS REPORT OF WP ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS.
JAPAN UNDERTOOK PREPARE BRIEF PAPER ON PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FO XI CONSULTATION. NEXT MEETING TO
BE SCHEDULED WEEK OF JANUARY 7 AT WHICH TIEM GROUP WILL
ATTEMPT FINALIZE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE PLUS
BACKGROUNDEERS ON WMO AND WHO. BASSIN

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